APPENDIX

[23rd March 1961

[Vide answer to starred question No. 1024, asked by Sri V. K. Kothandaraman at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 23rd March 1961, page 381 supra.]

G.O. Ms. No. 380, Rural Development and Local Administration, dated 9th February 1961.

[Motor Vehicles—Jeeps in Blocks—Use by Chairman, Panchayat Union Council—Instructions.]

READ—the following papers :—

G.O. Ms. No. 2950, Public (R.D.P.), dated the 5th September 1956.

Memorandum No. 102201/P. 5/60-2, dated the 28th July 1960.

Order—No. 380, R.D. & L.A., dated 9th February 1961.

Under the Madras Panchayats Act, 1958, Panchayat Union Council is to be formed for each Panchayat Development Block. The first batch of the 75 Panchayat Unions was inaugurated on the 2nd October 1960. The second and third batches of Panchayat Unions will be brought into existence on the 13th April and 2nd October 1961 respectively.

2. The question has been raised as to whether the Chairman of the Panchayat Union Council should be permitted to utilise the block jeep, supplied to each block under the Community Development Programme. The Chairman of the Panchayat Union occupies an important place and has to be accorded the recognition suitable to his status. Government have examined the question of the use of the Block Jeep by the Panchayat Union Chairman and direct that the Panchayat Union Chairman may use the Block jeep for official purposes.

3. Under the existing rules laid down in the orders cited above, the monthly consumption of petrol for the block jeep has been restricted to 275 litres per block. In view of the increased responsibility of the panchayats, especially with regardto the Elementary Education, Government now direct that this monthly consumption of petrol limit of 275 litres be raised to 325 litres per month per Block.